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9th Border Guard Regt in Turnu Severin (R 23/24 / E 98)

- 25X1 1. The Hq 9th Border Guard Regt was in Turnu Severin. The regiment [redacted] was employed in guarding the Yugoslavian border. The sector extended southeasterly as far as Gogosul (R 23/24 / E 95), near Ostrovul Mare Island in the Danube River, and northwesterly as far as Socol (Y 13/Y 91) on the Nera River. *
2. The guarded border zone was about 25 km in depth. All local residents and non-residents in the zone were required to have special identification cards. In addition to border guard personnel, the militia and security police also made checks in the border zone. Especially heavy checks were made along a 7-km border strip.
3. The regimental headquarters and all elements of the regiment not engaged in border guard service were in barracks on the northeastern perimeter of Turnu Severin, north of the highway leading to Craiova (R 33/34 / A 83). [redacted] estimated the capacity of the barracks to be ten companies or about 120 men each. 25X1
4. The superior headquarters of the regiment was not known. Colonel Nitulescu, (fnu), was CO of the regiment.
5. The regiment was organized into three battalions of seven companies used for border guard. The 5th Co of the border guards was subordinate^{to} the II Bn and was stationed in Orsova (R 23/24 / E 73).
6. The Hq III Bn was in Devesel (R 23/24 / E 96). Major Florian, (fnu), was CO of the battalion, which was organized as follows:
 a. The 6th Co with the company headquarters and 1st Platoon in Turnu Severin. Senior Lieutenant Gheorge Dura was CO; Lieutenant Molnar, (fnu), was political officer. The 1st Platoon was organized into four squads, with the 1st Squad, surnamed Pletea, stationed in Dudasu (R 23/24 / E 93); the 2d Squad, surnamed Schela, in Schela Cladovei (R 23/24 / E 98); the 3rd Squad, surnamed Turnu Severin, in the Turnu Severin

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harbor. The squad, which formerly had a strength of only 15 men, has consisted of 20 soldiers since 1 May 1950. The 4th Squad, surnamed Jalomitsa, had 13 soldiers since mid-April 1950, and was stationed in Simian (R 33/34/A 07). The 2d Platoon was located in Hinova (R 33/34 / A 06) and was organized into three squads and one non-mobile detachment. The 1st Squad, surnamed Ostrovul Corbului, was stationed in Ostrovul Corbului on an island of the same name which is situated in the Danube River; the 2d Squad, surnamed Hinova, in Hinova; the 3rd Squad, surnamed Bistrizza, in Bistrizza, midway between Simian and Hinova; the other detachment, called the water pump detachment, stationed at the pump house on the Danube River, southwest of the Simian railroad station. The 3rd Platoon guarded the Turnu Severin harbor.

b. The 7th Co, with its headquarters in Gogosul, in line with Ostrovul Mare, an island in the Danube River.

7. The elements of the III Bn were armed with both light and heavy infantry weapons. The regiment had several passenger cars, trucks and horse-drawn carts.
8. The 6th Co had a 14-man motor-sloop, an 8-man motorboat and three outboard motorboats. All boats had a 10-cm red stripe painted around the hull. The Rumanian tricolor, with the arms of the Rumanian People's Republic, was painted on the bow. The boats did not mount any guns. Each squad had its own rowboat.
9. The soldiers were opposed to the regime. Intimate friends among the soldiers used to talk about a flight "to the Americans". Letters from home which described the delivery of the crops tended to be especially effective in lowering the morale.

Border Guard Training Center No 27 in Satu Mare (S 43/D 43)

10. Training Center No 27 [redacted] was located in the former Infantry Barracks on the Somesul River, on the southwestern perimeter of Satu Mare, from April to late October 1949. The main gate of the billeting area opened on Stefan cel Mare Street. 25X1
11. The training center trained personnel for this regiment and was subordinate to the 7th Border Guard Regt, which had its headquarters in Bala Mare (S 43/F 90). [redacted] 25X1 each border guard regiment had its own training center. After completion of the training, soldiers considered politically unreliable were detached to regiments employed in guard duty along the water boundary.
12. Lieutenant Colonel Nicolae Stoican, an officer from the former Rumanian Army and a non-Communist, was CO of the training center. Captain Barbaveche, (fmu), a confirmed Communist was political officer.
13. Less than 10 percent of the EM were card-carrying Communists, most of them being merely opportunists. The anti-Communist feeling was deepened by the news from home on confiscation of crops and the forced organization of Kolkhozes.
14. The training center was organized into four companies. The 1st and 2d Co each had three platoons; the platoon consisted of four squads. The 3rd Co was organized into two heavy machine gun platoons and one mortar platoon. Captain Gheorghe Olteanu, a regular officer and not a Communist, was CO. Sergeant Roman Sulea was political officer. A maintenance company was also at the training center.

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15. The training center had model ZB 7.92-mm carbines, model PPS Soviet submachine guns with drum magazine, many of them so worn out that they had continuous stoppages, model ZB 7.92-mm light machine guns, four Soviet AT rifles in each company, model ZB heavy machine guns and 81.4-mm Brandt mortars. The 9th Border Guard Regt in Turnu Severin was equipped with the same model weapons.
16. The basic training at the training center was at company level and lasted six months. An additional training course for border guard service was in progress at the same time.
17. Members of the 1927 and 1928 classes were drafted in October 1949 and May 1950. **
18. Border guard troops serve for two years; infantry troops serve for 18 months. ***

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* [redacted] Comment. The 9th Border Guard Regt was previously identified in Turnu Severin. [redacted] referred to it as the 8th Border Guard Regt. [redacted] but [redacted]

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[redacted] the 9th Border Guard Regt is now carried as being located in Turnu Severin. [redacted]

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** [redacted] Comment. The information on the induction of the 1927 and 1928 classes generally agrees with previous information.

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*** [redacted] Comment. Infantry troops also serve for two years. [redacted]

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